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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests a ONE-month extension of time for reply to the Action dated October 4, 1999. A response will, therefore, be due on or before January 4, 2000. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess portion of this fee to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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